



“Adventures In Faith: IV. The Adventure of Discipleship”

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
10:45AM

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To trust in Jesus
To love like Jesus
To grow in Jesus
To bring others to Jesus

WORSHIP THE LORD

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

"Let Your Light Shine"

by Tom Birchwood; cpr 2002 Lorenz Publishing Co.

WELCOME

Pastor Brian Janssen

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Stand)*

Laura Dugan

Call to Worship Anthem: "Night Vision"

**Soloist: Caleb Auldridge;
Bloom and Bethany Choir**

by Sandra McCracken, Sarah MacIntosh, Jennifer Heller and Kelly Needham; cpr 2024 Needhim Music| Integrity Worship Music|
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OPENING PRAYER *(Please Stand)*

Laura Dugan

HYMN *(Please Stand)*

"How Great Thou Art"

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led by Bloom Musicians

Verse 1 O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands
hath made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout The
universe displayed!

Chorus

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
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Verse 2 And when I think That God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can
take it in That on the cross, My burden gladly bearing, He bled and died To take away
my sin! (Chorus)

Verse 3 When Christ shall come With shouts of acclamation And take me home, What
joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow In humble adoration And there proclaim, My God,
how great You are! (Chorus)

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Please be seated)*

Laura Dugan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Laura Dugan

Merciful God, you call us to proclaim the good news, but we remain quiet. You
invite us to trust you, but we are afraid. You place your word in our hearts, yet we
cling to doubt. Too often we confess you with our lips while our lives tell another
story. We are timid in the face of opposition, distracted by our own concerns, and

hesitant to follow when the road is uncertain. Forgive us, Lord. Calm our fears, renew our faith, and set us free to follow you with joy. Place your word once more on our lips, that we may boldly declare Christ as Lord and bear witness to your salvation in all we do. Through Christ, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Laura Dugan

Take heart, Christ is with us. His word is near, his grace is sure, and his love is everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Praise God! Amen.**

RESPONSE *(Please Stand)*

“Gloria Patri”

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Laura Dugan

Since God has forgiven us in Christ. Let us be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all...**and also with you.**
The kids can come forward for the Children’s Sermon as you all take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN’S SERMON (10:45)

Debby Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Laura Dugan

FIRST READING

Romans 10:5-15

Laura Dugan

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim

him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

SECOND READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Pastor Brian Janssen

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

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WE RESPOND

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"Give Me Jesus"

Soloist: Caleb Auldridge

arr. by Moses Hogan; cpr 2000 Hal Leonard

THE RESPONSE *(Please Stand)*

"Doxology"

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Please Stand)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying... Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

HYMN (*Please Stand*)

"My Heart is Filled"

by Keith Getty, Stuart Townend © 2003 Thankyou Music Ltd

led by Bloom Musicians

Verse 1 My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain. Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace. And gave me life again. Who crushed my curse of sinfulness And clothed me with His light. And wrote His law of righteousness With power upon my heart.

Verse 2 My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly Whose every promise is enough For every step I take Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace

Verse 3 My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who reigns above Whose wisdom is my perfect peace Whose every thought is love For every day I have on earth Is given by the King So I will give my life my all To love and follow Him

BENEDICTION

Pastor Brian Janssen

POSTLUDE

CLOSING RESPONSE

"Go With Us, Lord"

by Cathey and Tallis; cpr 1990 Hope Publishing

Bethany Choir

WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are delighted to have you in worship with us this morning!

FOR OUR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN - A Nursery Room is across the hall from the pulpit side of the Sanctuary. It is equipped with a speaker system from the sanctuary so any parent(s) who wishes to stay with their child(ren) in the nursery can hear the worship service. **A Cry Room** is at the rear of the Sanctuary – entry is through a door in the Narthex near the usher's table. *We encourage you to use these rooms as needed.* **Worship Bags** are available for children to use during the worship service. The bags can be found at the Usher's Desk. **Sound amplification devices** are available to those who might need or want to use them. Our ushers are available to help with any needs that you have during worship.

WORSHIP AND WONDER is during our 10:45am service! Children will leave with Miss Debby after the Children's Sermon. All kids from ages 3-2nd grade are invited! Teen helpers are to see Miss Debby and she can be reached at 412-266-0982.

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

The flowers are presented to the Glory of God by Tom and Carol Aspinall in memory of Carol's parents Charles and Irene Fox.

Please join us in celebrating the arrival of baby Linnaea June Stout! God blessed Rebecca and Aaron with a little angel, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces at birth, and measuring 19.5 inches long. We welcome this sweet child of God to the world and continue to keep the family in our prayers. There is a flower of dedication to celebrate this new life in our community which will be presented to Rebecca and her family in honor of Linnaea's arrival. Welcome, sweet child of God!

Thanks to our Bloom musicians and Bethany Choir for leading us in a beautiful blended worship today! It's a treasure to have all of your voices leading together.

We welcomed Caleb Auldridge to the choir as a core choir member, but since then, have expanded his role and title to Music Associate. We look forward to the many opportunities he brings to Bethany to grow our music ministry. Thank you, Caleb, for sharing your voice and gifts in both Modern, Blended, and Traditional Worship, and we extend a warm welcome to you as our new Music Associate!

PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS

HOLY COW! IT'S A CAT!

Over the summer many of you participated in our Holy Cow Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) and the results are in. The Session of the church has been hard at work the last month digesting the report and we will be sharing the results with the congregation on **October 5, 2025** immediately following **10:45am worship in the Great Room**. We will have some lite bites and a time of conversation. The leadership of

the church would like to thank all of you for participating in the CAT survey as we continue to discern and learn how the Lord will use Bethany Church to be a witness to the gospel in the 21st century.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION - The Bethany Mission Team will participate in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Collection for children ages 2 to 14 around the world. Boxes are available today, September 28, on the table in the Welcome Center and must be returned by Sunday November 2nd. Boxes can be filled for girls and boys ages 2 to 4, 5 to 9 or 10 to 14 and information and gift suggestions are attached to each box. Last year we collected 83 boxes and with all of your help, we hope to top that number this year. Returned boxes should be closed with a rubber band and include a \$10 check to Bethany Presbyterian Church to aid with the shipping costs.

CANTATA CALL! - We are very excited to share our Cantata on **Dec 14, 2025**. Everything is coming together with the guest musicians and all the music arrived- it is time to prepare! (Brand new Cantata to us this year)! Cantata Choir practice will start on Oct 8, 2025, from 7- 7:45pm, and each Wednesday following (exception the week of Thanksgiving). Any instrumentalists that would like to share their gifts are welcome! Please see Nadina or email music@bethanypresby.org for more details.

BETHANY YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28th TONIGHT will be a Group Night 5:00pm-6:30pm. We will start our "Into the Wild" Bible Study Series. We also want to curate the perfect "BYG" playlist, so come with all your favorite worship songs!!

October 5th we have a Group Night 5:00pm - 6:30pm that will be our last in the "Into the Wild," Bible Study Series, fit with a game that includes plungers, boats, and scooters. Confused? Come to BYG on the 5th to find out what this game will be.

Saturday October 11th will be our outing for this month! We will be going to Half Crown Hill Orchard in McDonald, and then heading down the road to North Star Restaurant's Halloween Pop-Up event. Cost is dependent on how many apples your child wants to bring and food. We recommend \$25 to cover the cost for apples and dinner at North Star.

October 19th we will have a Group Night 5:00pm - 6:30pm that will be focused on "Strange Stories from Scripture," to get you into the season of Halloween (while also getting the hope of Jesus!). No Halloween youth group would be fit without playing a game of Sardines in the dark.

UPWARD SPORTS - Registration for the 2026 season will open on the website at bethanypresby.org/upward on October 1st.

TRUNK OR TREAT - We will be hosting a Trunk or Treat Event here at Bethany Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 25th from 6:00PM-8:00PM. We would love for you to participate. If you would like to decorate your car and give out candy or be here to greet people in the community who bring their kids to this special event, there

are numerous ways to help. You can register using the QR code, or email Katelyn Gilmore at gilmorekate.013@gmail.com. Katelyn is here to answer any questions you might have. It will be a great evening of fellowship.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES FOR ALL AGES! – Sunday School is starting again and here is a lineup of all the classes for all ages and their teachers:

1. **Adults** - A Study of Second Corinthians - led by Sharon Salvini and Devin Underwood. Located in the front half of fellowship hall, nearest the stairwell.
2. **Adults** - A Study of The New Testament – led by Doug Bovard.
Located in the Bethany Room
3. **Adults** - A Study of First & Second Corinthians – led by Mark Rackley.
Located in the Chapel.
4. **Women** – A Jesus Shaped Life by Lisa Harper - A Book & Video Study – led by Becky Yanak. Explores the depths of God’s character, His love for us, and how our relationship with Him changes through Biblically sound theology.
Located in room 224
5. **Senior High** – Are you a teen, or know a teen, that is living in a world of anxiety, fear, self-doubt, and not feeling like you are enough? Join us as we explore the book Live Fearless: A Call to Power, Passion, and Purpose by Sadie Robertson.
Led by Pam Petrow. Located in the Youth Lounge
6. **For Children:** a. Bible Stories & Fun – Babies through age 2 in the Nursery
b. Bible Stories & Fun – Ages 3-5 in room 245
c. Bible in Life by David C. Cook – Elementary & Middle School in rooms 239 and 240

THE CHOSEN VIDEO CLASS - We are excited to extend an invitation to everyone for The Chosen Season 5 video class. Whether you have joined us in the past or are new to these gatherings, we would love to have you with us. Our sessions will take place in the choir room on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM, starting September 21st and they promise to be a great opportunity to connect, discuss, and enjoy this fantastic series together. If you have any questions or need further details, please feel free to reach out to Edgar Shaffer or Pam Petrow.

UKULELE FOR ALL AGES! - Lesson age breakdown as follows:

September 21st & September 28th - **5th-12th- Class** (After Church)

October 5th & October 12th - **K-4th- Class** (After Church)

Adult Class starting September 18th and will continue on Thursdays at 10:00am.

NOTICE - We are launching a College Outreach Program for Bethany members currently enrolled in college or trade schools and we need your help! Through this program, an individual or family will contact a student during the school year, sending cards and well wishes. There is no need to conceal the identities of the outreach family or individual, and students are not obligated to respond. We aim to help our college age members continue to feel included in our church life. If you are interested in participating, please contact Heather Lucas at membershipchair@bethanypresby.org.

MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CHURCH FINANCES AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Thank you for your continued support.

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 378,265	\$ 378,671	\$ (406)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	269,560	251,375	18,185
Investment Income **	11,148	32,618	(21,470)
Total General Fund Income	\$ 658,972	\$ 662,664	\$ (3,692)
Year to Date Budget	679,138		
+/- Budget	\$ (20,166)		

*For purposes of this report, any prepaid pledges have been spread over 52 weeks.

** Investment income is updated monthly upon receipt of investment statements.

A friendly reminder from the Stewardship team, please write the amount of your giving on the outside of the envelope when turning in your offering. This helps make the job of those counting much easier.

We are embarking on an exciting new chapter for Bethany's education wing! This is both an opportunity and a responsibility: to create a welcoming and inspiring environment for our children, teens, and families to learn, grow and thrive in their faith journey. Renovations include new carpeting, paint, furniture, sign-in station and decorations. If you feel called, we are asking for your heartfelt donations to help us support this important work. All gifts, great or small, are appreciated and will be used faithfully for this specific project. To donate, please contact the church office or you can make a note on your check/donation identifying it as Education Wing Renovation Donation. We thank every donor for their ongoing support and faith. With your help, our education wing will continue to be a light for learning and love in our church and our community for years to come.



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OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING - Men's and Women's Ministries

The special offering envelope for October supports the Men's and Women's Ministries of Bethany Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering by noting that your donation is for the Men's and Women's Ministries on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to the Men's and Women's Ministries at Bethany.

WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 28

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship - **Ukulele after 10:45 service**

9:30AM - Sunday School

5:00PM - BYG Group Night

Monday, September 29

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle Group

Tuesday, September 30

7:00PM – ALANON

Wednesday, October 1

10:00AM – Fellowship of Prayer

11:30AM – Knitters

12:30PM – Hand Chimes

6:30PM - Troop 2 Scouts

7:00PM - Choir Practice

Thursday, October 2

9:00AM – Quilters

10:00AM – Ukulele

12:00PM – Rotary

6:30PM – Bloom

7:00PM - Dart Ball

7:30PM - AA

Friday, October 3

Saturday, October 4

Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday

8:15AM and 10:45AM – Worship - **Ukulele after 10:45 service**

9:30AM - Sunday School

5:00PM - BYG Group Night